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CINCUSNAVEUR, COMSIXTHFLT, EUCOM, USDOCOSOUTH ALSO FOR POLADS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN/LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE:

ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL OF AMERICAN DRILLING RIG
IN DISPUTED AREA

REF: TUNIS 3409

1. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT PLANS TO REPLACE
SCARABEO IV WITH DRILLING RIG BELONGING TO AMERICAN
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FIRM READING AND BATES HAVE NOW BECOME KNOWN OUTSIDE
OF TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT. STORY HAS BEGUN CIRCULATING
AMONG DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS
HAVE ALSO BECOME AWARE. IF STORY BECOMES NEWSWORTHY
ENOUGH TO GET INTO PRINT, GOT IS GOING TO BE CONSIDERABLY
EMBARRASSED AND IN A DILEMMA AS TO WHAT STANCE TO
TAKE IN VIEW OF TUNISIA'S KNOWN EXCELLENT RELATIONS

WITH US.

2. ASSUME DEPARTMENT IS KEEPING SOME TRACK OF MOVEMENTS
OF READING AND BATES RIG. WOULD APPRECIATE ADVANCE
WARNING IF AND WHEN IT APPROACHES DISPUTED AREA.
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